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Rosalie A. Centeno, Secretary

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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Eberhard Jacob et al

COMBINATION EXHAUST GAS POST TREATMENT/MUFFLER DEVICE IN THE  
EXHAUST GAS SECTION OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 24 pages specification, 7 pages claims (12), 1 page abstract and 7 pages drawings (22 Figures) in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of April 11, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application Nr. 103 16 799.4. A certified copy of said German patent application will be filed at a later date.
3. Appropriate fees will be submitted with a subsequent submission.

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